GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA

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EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN
HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have reviewed the legal position in regard to employment of children;

(b) if so, the details thereof;and

(c) the details of legal reforms made by the Government during the last three years in the law relating to the employment of children?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) to (c): Under the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986, no child below the age of 14 year shall be employed or permitted to work in any of the occupations set forth in Part A of the Schedule or in any workshop wherein any of the processes set forth in Part B of the Schedule is carried on. The employment conditions of children in other Occupations and Processes are regulated under the Act.

Occupations and Processes are added to the Schedule on the advice of the Technical Advisory Committee. The Schedule to the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 had 5 Occupations and 11 Processes in 1986. There were 7 Occupations and 18 Processes in 1994. 6 Occupations and 33 Processes were added in 1999 and 6 Processes in 2000 bringing thetotal number of Occupations and Processes to 13 and 57 respectively.